ORR# 2004-037-LG

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH WORKERS' COMPENSATION AGENCY

The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth will hold a public hearing to receive comments from interested persons concerning amendments to the Workers' Compensation Health Care Services Rules. The following rules are included for comment:

R 418.10101, R 418.10103, R 418.10104, R 418.10107, R 418.10108, R 418.10109, R 418.10110, R 418.10111, R 418.10115, R 418.10117, R 418.10118, R 418.10120, R 418.10404, R 418.10701, R 418.10901, R 418.10902, R 418.10904, R 418.10907, R 418.10912, R 418.10915, R 418.10921, R 418.10923, R 418.10925, R 418.101001, R 418.101002, R 418.101003, R 418.101004, R 418.101015, R 418.101016, R 418.101017, R 418.101022, R 418.101101, R 418.101102, R 418.101103, R 418.101104, R 418.101105, R 418.101204, R 418.101205, R 418.101206, R 418.101207, R 418.101208, R 418.101209, R 418.101210, R 418.101301, R 418.101303, R 418.101304, R 418.101305, R 418.101401, R 418.101402, R 418.101404, R 418.101501, R 418.101502 and R 418.101503, R 418.10923B, R 418.101023.

The proposed amendments do the following:

- Updates source documents.
- Increases the conversion factor for practitioner services by 1.5% to \$48.49.
- Creates a fee schedule for the freestanding outpatient surgical facilities and laboratory services.
- Increases the threshold from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for cases requiring professional review.
- Incorporates the department and agency name change.
- Updates the name change for practitioner medical claim forms to CMS 1500 claim form.

A hearing will be held as follows:

November 10, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. 2501 Woodlake Circle Conference Room 2, 2nd Floor Okemos MI 48864

Interested persons may attend and present their views on the proposed revisions. Anyone presenting oral testimony is required to submit written comments at the time of testimony. If unable to attend, written comments may be sent to the address below no later than November 15, 2004. Copies of the proposed rules are available upon written request to the Agency. The proposed rules are published on the following web site: http://www.state.mi.us/orr. Anticipated effective date of these rules is within the 1st quarter of 2005.

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The meeting site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Individuals attending the meeting are requested to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products, in order to enhance the accessibility for everyone. People with disabilities requiring additional accommodations (such as information in alternative formats) in order to participate in the meeting should call Sheila Wilkinson at 517-322-5433 (voice) or 517-322-5987 (TTY) at least 10 workdays prior to the hearing.